

Manpower Survey Results in October 2012

- **Total employment increased by 19,000(+0.17%) in October to 10,897,000, and it also increased by 132,000(+1.23%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in the services-providing sector and agriculture increased by 18,000(+0.28%) and 1,000(+0.11%) respectively in October, however, the goods-producing sector remained the same as the previous month.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 1,000(+0.05%), 35,000(+0.90%) and 97,000(+1.54%) respectively in October.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in October 2012

Unit: persons in thousand

Sex	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Labor Force		Employed	Unemployed			Not in the Labor Force
		Persons	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	Persons	Persons	Unemployment Rate (%)	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%)	Persons
Total	19 487	11 391	58.45	10 897	493	4.33	4.30	8 097
Male	9 551	6 382	66.81	6 092	290	4.55	4.51	3 170
Female	9 936	5 009	50.41	4 805	203	4.06	4.03	4 927

- **The unemployment rate slightly rose by 0.01 percentage points to 4.33 percent in October; however, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained the same at 4.30 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.03 and 0.01 percentage points respectively in October.

--The number of unemployed persons in October was 493,000, an increase of 2,000(+0.50%) and 9,000(+1.97%) from the previous month and that of the previous year respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate in October was 58.45 percent, up by 0.06 and 0.19 percentage points from the previous month and that of the previous year respectively.**

Table 1. Statistical Brief Based on Manpower Survey Results

Unit: Thousand Persons

Year & month	Civilian population aged 15 years & over	Labor force			Not in labor force	Labor force participation rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)			
		Total	Employed persons	Unemployed persons			Total	15~24 Years	25~44 Years	45~64 Years
Ave. , 2002	17 387	9 969	9 454	515	7 417	57.34	5.17	11.91	4.73	3.38
Ave. , 2003	17 572	10 076	9 573	503	7 495	57.34	4.99	11.44	4.47	3.76
Ave. , 2004	17 760	10 240	9 786	454	7 520	57.66	4.44	10.85	3.97	3.20
Ave. , 2005	17 949	10 371	9 942	428	7 578	57.78	4.13	10.59	3.78	2.79
Ave. , 2006	18 166	10 522	10 111	411	7 644	57.92	3.91	10.31	3.79	2.31
Ave. , 2007	18 392	10 713	10 294	419	7 679	58.25	3.91	10.65	3.86	2.24
Ave. , 2008	18 623	10 853	10 403	450	7 770	58.28	4.14	11.81	4.02	2.54
Ave. , 2009	18 855	10 917	10 279	639	7 937	57.90	5.85	14.49	5.93	3.90
Ave. , 2010	19 062	11 070	10 493	577	7 992	58.07	5.21	13.09	5.35	3.39
Ave. , 2011	19 253	11 200	10 709	491	8 053	58.17	4.39	12.47	4.46	2.64
Sept.	19 291	11 231	10 750	481	8 060	58.22	4.28	12.75	4.29	2.54
Oct.	19 309	11 249	10 765	484	8 060	58.26	4.30	12.65	4.36	2.53
Nov.	19 326	11 270	10 788	482	8 055	58.32	4.28	12.28	4.35	2.56
Dec.	19 342	11 273	10 802	471	8 069	58.28	4.18	11.79	4.29	2.49
Ave. , 2012	19 421	11 327	10 847	480	8 094	58.32	4.24	12.57	4.40	2.32
Jan.	19 359	11 280	10 808	472	8 079	58.27	4.18	11.64	4.34	2.45
Feb.	19 372	11 270	10 790	479	8 102	58.18	4.25	12.08	4.41	2.45
Mar.	19 385	11 276	10 806	470	8 109	58.17	4.17	12.22	4.35	2.30
Apr.	19 399	11 281	10 818	463	8 118	58.15	4.10	11.75	4.32	2.28
May	19 413	11 300	10 834	466	8 113	58.21	4.12	11.76	4.40	2.21
June	19 428	11 331	10 854	477	8 097	58.32	4.21	12.36	4.36	2.38
July	19 442	11 372	10 883	490	8 070	58.49	4.31	12.96	4.44	2.32
Aug.	19 456	11 403	10 901	502	8 053	58.61	4.40	13.61	4.50	2.30
Sept.	19 471	11 369	10 878	491	8 102	58.39	4.32	13.57	4.44	2.21
Oct.	19 487	11 391	10 897	493	8 097	58.45	4.33	13.57	4.42	2.29
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.08	0.19	0.17	0.50	-0.07	(0.06)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(-0.02)	(0.08)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.92	1.26	1.23	1.97	0.45	(0.19)	(0.03)	(0.92)	(0.06)	(-0.24)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.96	1.27	1.45	-2.77	0.53	(0.17)	(-0.18)	(0.01)	(-0.09)	(-0.34)

Table 2. Important Indicator Based on Manpower Survey Results, by Year

Year & month	Labor force		Employed persons		Labor force participation rate		Unemployed persons (Thousand Persons)	Unemployment rate	
	Number of persons (Thousand Persons)	Annual increase rate (%)	Number of persons (Thousand Persons)	Annual increase rate (%)	(%)	Seasonally adjusted		(%)	Seasonally adjusted
Oct., 1983	7 391	4.83	7 184	4.81	59.85	59.87	206	2.79	2.54
Oct., 1984	7 533	1.92	7 324	1.94	59.62	59.56	209	2.77	2.52
Oct., 1985	7 683	2.00	7 418	1.29	59.29	59.18	265	3.45	3.23
Oct., 1986	8 063	4.95	7 853	5.86	60.88	60.74	211	2.61	2.45
Oct., 1987	8 265	2.50	8 098	3.13	61.20	61.02	166	2.01	1.89
Oct., 1988	8 390	1.52	8 261	2.00	60.89	60.70	130	1.54	1.46
Oct., 1989	8 389	-0.01	8 265	0.05	59.90	59.71	124	1.48	1.42
Oct., 1990	8 493	1.23	8 346	0.98	59.36	59.16	147	1.73	1.68
Oct., 1991	8 622	1.52	8 487	1.70	59.18	58.95	135	1.56	1.49
Oct., 1992	8 854	2.69	8 717	2.71	59.57	59.34	137	1.55	1.50
Oct., 1993	8 977	1.39	8 835	1.36	59.15	58.92	142	1.58	1.50
Oct., 1994	9 194	2.41	9 045	2.37	59.35	59.13	149	1.62	1.53
Oct., 1995	9 253	0.64	9 066	0.23	58.67	58.48	187	2.02	1.92
Oct., 1996	9 353	1.09	9 068	0.03	58.47	58.33	285	3.05	2.95
Oct., 1997	9 477	1.33	9 228	1.76	58.32	58.20	250	2.63	2.52
Oct., 1998	9 586	1.15	9 300	0.78	58.05	57.96	286	2.98	2.87
Oct., 1999	9 721	1.41	9 424	1.33	57.94	57.86	297	3.05	2.94
Oct., 2000	9 835	1.17	9 521	1.03	57.76	57.69	313	3.19	3.06
Oct., 2001	9 889	0.55	9 362	-1.67	57.35	57.30	527	5.33	5.21
Oct., 2002	9 981	0.93	9 451	0.95	57.22	57.19	530	5.31	5.21
Oct., 2003	10 109	1.28	9 612	1.70	57.34	57.33	497	4.92	4.84
Oct., 2004	10 280	1.69	9 837	2.34	57.71	57.70	443	4.31	4.25
Oct., 2005	10 417	1.33	9 993	1.59	57.84	57.82	424	4.07	4.05
Oct., 2006	10 595	1.71	10 182	1.89	58.11	58.09	413	3.90	3.90
Oct., 2007	10 741	1.38	10 320	1.35	58.19	58.15	421	3.92	3.94
Oct., 2008	10 901	1.48	10 424	1.01	58.32	58.29	476	4.37	4.39
Oct., 2009	10 963	0.57	10 310	-1.10	57.94	57.91	653	5.96	5.98
Oct., 2010	11 106	1.30	10 560	2.42	58.09	58.06	546	4.92	4.93
Oct., 2011	11 249	1.28	10 765	1.94	58.26	58.22	484	4.30	4.29
Oct., 2012	11 391	1.26	10 897	1.23	58.45	58.41	493	4.33	4.30

Table 3. Comparison of Unemployment Rates in Major Countries, by Year

Year & month	R. O. C		Hong* Kong	Japan *	Korea, * R. O.	Singapore *		United* States	Canada *	Germany	United Kingdom*	Australia*
	Seasonal adjusted					Resident						
Ave. , 2009	5.85	5.85	5.3	5.1	3.6	3.0	4.3	9.3	8.3	8.2	7.7	5.6
Ave. , 2010	5.21	5.21	4.3	5.1	3.7	2.2	3.1	9.6	8.0	7.7	7.8	5.2
Ave. , 2011	4.39	4.39	3.4	4.6	3.4	2.0	2.9	8.9	7.4	7.1	8.1	5.1
Sept.	4.28	4.29	3.2	4.2	3.3	2.0	2.9	9.0	7.1	6.6	8.3	5.2
Oct.	4.30	4.29	3.3	4.4	3.1	...	...	8.9	7.3	6.5	8.3	5.1
Nov.	4.28	4.29	3.3	4.5	3.1	...	...	8.7	7.4	6.4	8.4	5.2
Dec.	4.18	4.21	3.3	4.5	3.1	2.0	2.9	8.5	7.5	6.6	8.4	5.2
Ave. , 2012												
Jan.	4.18	4.19	3.2	4.6	3.2	...	...	8.3	7.6	7.3	8.3	5.1
Feb.	4.25	4.15	3.4	4.5	3.7	...	...	8.3	7.4	7.4	8.3	5.2
Mar.	4.17	4.14	3.4	4.5	3.4	2.1	3.0	8.2	7.2	7.2	8.2	5.2
Apr.	4.10	4.19	3.3	4.6	3.4	...	...	8.1	7.3	7.0	8.1	5.0
May	4.12	4.25	3.2	4.4	3.2	...	...	8.2	7.3	6.7	8.1	5.1
June	4.21	4.24	3.2	4.3	3.2	2.0	2.8	8.2	7.2	6.6	8.0	5.3
July	4.31	4.25	3.2	4.3	3.1	...	...	8.3	7.3	6.8	8.1	5.2
Aug.	4.40	4.29	3.2	4.2	3.1	...	...	8.1	7.3	6.8	7.9	5.1
Sept.	4.32	4.30	3.3	4.2	3.1	1.9	2.8	7.8	7.4	6.5	7.8	5.4
Oct.	4.33	4.30	3.4	...	3.0	...	...	7.9	7.2	6.5	...	5.4

Note:1. The unemployment rates (UR) of Hong Kong and United Kingdom are the moving averages of 3 consecutive months.

2. '*' implies seasonally adjusted figure.

3. German UR are based on Employment Registry data.

4. 2011 March to August and 2011 annual average data in Japan are supplementary-estimated figures.